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## **DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE SENDS LETTER TO NINE JURISDICTIONS REQUIRING PROOF OF COMPLIANCE WITH 8 U.S.C. § 1373**

WASHINGTON – Today, the Department of Justice sent the attached letters to nine jurisdictions which were identified in a May 2016 report by the Department of Justice’s Inspector General as having laws that potentially violate 8 U.S.C. § 1373.

Additionally, many of these jurisdictions are also crumbling under the weight of illegal immigration and violent crime. The number of murders in Chicago has skyrocketed, rising more than 50 percent from the 2015 levels. New York City continues to see gang murder after gang murder, the predictable consequence of the city’s “soft on crime” stance. And just several weeks ago in California’s Bay Area, after a raid captured 11 MS-13 members on charges including murder, extortion and drug trafficking, city officials seemed more concerned with reassuring illegal immigrants that the raid was unrelated to immigration than with warning other MS-13 members that they were next.

The letters remind the recipient jurisdictions that, as a condition for receiving certain financial year 2016 funding from the Department of Justice, each of these jurisdictions agreed to provide documentation and an opinion from legal counsel validating that they are in compliance with Section 1373. The Department of Justice expects each of these jurisdictions to comply with this grant condition and to submit all documentation to the Office of Justice Programs by June 30, 2017, the deadline imposed by the grant agreement.

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Kathleen Howard  
Executive Director  
California Board of State and Community Corrections  
2590 Venture Oaks Way, Ste. 200  
Sacramento, CA 95833

Dear Executive Director Howard,

I write to alert you that under the terms of your FY 2016 Byrne JAG grant, award 2016-DJ-BX-0446 from the Office of Justice Programs ("OJP"), your jurisdiction is required to submit documentation to OJP that validates that your jurisdiction is in compliance with 8 U.S.C. § 1373, which states that "a Federal, State, or local government entity or official may not prohibit, or in any way restrict, any government entity or official from sending to, or receiving from, the Immigration and Naturalization Service information regarding the citizenship or immigration status, lawful or unlawful, of any individual." As your grant agreement makes clear, this documentation must be accompanied by an official legal opinion from counsel that adequately supports the validation and must be submitted to OJP no later than June 30, 2017. Failure to comply with this condition could result in the withholding of grant funds, suspension or termination of the grant, ineligibility for future OJP grants or subgrants, or other action, as appropriate. If you have any questions regarding this requirement, please contact your grant manager as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Alan R. Hanson".

Alan R. Hanson  
Acting Assistant Attorney General  
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Eddie T. Johnson  
Chicago Superintendent of Police  
3510 S Michigan Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60653-1020

Dear Superintendent Johnson,

I write to alert you that under the terms of your FY 2016 Byrne JAG grant, award 2016-DJ-BX-0106 from the Office of Justice Programs ("OJP"), your jurisdiction is required to submit documentation to OJP that validates that your jurisdiction is in compliance with 8 U.S.C. § 1373, which states that "a Federal, State, or local government entity or official may not prohibit, or in any way restrict, any government entity or official from sending to, or receiving from, the Immigration and Naturalization Service information regarding the citizenship or immigration status, lawful or unlawful, of any individual." As your grant agreement makes clear, this documentation must be accompanied by an official legal opinion from counsel that adequately supports the validation and must be submitted to OJP no later than June 30, 2017. Failure to comply with this condition could result in the withholding of grant funds, suspension or termination of the grant, ineligibility for future OJP grants or subgrants, or other action, as appropriate. If you have any questions regarding this requirement, please contact your grant manager as soon as possible.

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Mayor Mitchell Landrieu  
City of New Orleans  
Criminal Justice Coordination  
1300 Perdido Street, Room 8E15  
New Orleans, LA 70112-2112

Dear Mayor Landrieu,

I write to alert you that under the terms of your FY 2016 Byrne JAG grant, award 2016-DJ-BX-0251 from the Office of Justice Programs (“OJP”), your jurisdiction is required to submit documentation to OJP that validates that your jurisdiction is in compliance with 8 U.S.C. § 1373, which states that “a Federal, State, or local government entity or official may not prohibit, or in any way restrict, any government entity or official from sending to, or receiving from, the Immigration and Naturalization Service information regarding the citizenship or immigration status, lawful or unlawful, of any individual.” As your grant agreement makes clear, this documentation must be accompanied by an official legal opinion from counsel that adequately supports the validation and must be submitted to OJP no later than June 30, 2017. Failure to comply with this condition could result in the withholding of grant funds, suspension or termination of the grant, ineligibility for future OJP grants or subgrants, or other action, as appropriate. If you have any questions regarding this requirement, please contact your grant manager as soon as possible.

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Mayor Jim Kenney  
City of Philadelphia  
1401 JFK Blvd., Room 1430  
Philadelphia, PA 19102-1687

Dear Mayor Kenney,

I write to alert you that under the terms of your FY 2016 Byrne JAG grant, award 2016-DJ-BX-0949 from the Office of Justice Programs (“OJP”), your jurisdiction is required to submit documentation to OJP that validates that your jurisdiction is in compliance with 8 U.S.C. § 1373, which states that “a Federal, State, or local government entity or official may not prohibit, or in any way restrict, any government entity or official from sending to, or receiving from, the Immigration and Naturalization Service information regarding the citizenship or immigration status, lawful or unlawful, of any individual.” As your grant agreement makes clear, this documentation must be accompanied by an official legal opinion from counsel that adequately supports the validation and must be submitted to OJP no later than June 30, 2017. Failure to comply with this condition could result in the withholding of grant funds, suspension or termination of the grant, ineligibility for future OJP grants or subgrants, or other action, as appropriate. If you have any questions regarding this requirement, please contact your grant manager as soon as possible.

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Yolanda King  
County Manager  
Finance-Community Resource Management  
500 S. Grand Central Parkway  
5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Las Vegas, NV 89155-1212

Dear County Manager King,

I write to alert you that under the terms of your FY 2016 Byrne JAG grant, award 2016-DJ-BX-0412 from the Office of Justice Programs (“OJP”), your jurisdiction is required to submit documentation to OJP that validates that your jurisdiction is in compliance with 8 U.S.C. § 1373, which states that “a Federal, State, or local government entity or official may not prohibit, or in any way restrict, any government entity or official from sending to, or receiving from, the Immigration and Naturalization Service information regarding the citizenship or immigration status, lawful or unlawful, of any individual.” As your grant agreement makes clear, this documentation must be accompanied by an official legal opinion from counsel that adequately supports the validation and must be submitted to OJP no later than June 30, 2017. Failure to comply with this condition could result in the withholding of grant funds, suspension or termination of the grant, ineligibility for future OJP grants or subgrants, or other action, as appropriate. If you have any questions regarding this requirement, please contact your grant manager as soon as possible.

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Mayor Carlos A. Giminez  
Miami Dade County  
Miami Dade Police Department  
9105 N.W. 25<sup>th</sup> Street  
Miami, FL 33172-1500

Dear Mayor Giminez,

I write to alert you that under the terms of your FY 2016 Byrne JAG grant, award 2016-DJ-BX-0578 from the Office of Justice Programs (“OJP”), your jurisdiction is required to submit documentation to OJP that validates that your jurisdiction is in compliance with 8 U.S.C. § 1373, which states that “a Federal, State, or local government entity or official may not prohibit, or in any way restrict, any government entity or official from sending to, or receiving from, the Immigration and Naturalization Service information regarding the citizenship or immigration status, lawful or unlawful, of any individual.” As your grant agreement makes clear, this documentation must be accompanied by an official legal opinion from counsel that adequately supports the validation and must be submitted to OJP no later than June 30, 2017. Failure to comply with this condition could result in the withholding of grant funds, suspension or termination of the grant, ineligibility for future OJP grants or subgrants, or other action, as appropriate. If you have any questions regarding this requirement, please contact your grant manager as soon as possible.

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Christopher Abele  
County Executive  
Milwaukee County  
901 N. 9<sup>th</sup> Street  
Milwaukee, WI 53233-1427

Dear County Executive Abele,

I write to alert you that under the terms of your FY 2016 Byrne JAG grant, award 2016-DJ-BX-1013 from the Office of Justice Programs ("OJP"), your jurisdiction is required to submit documentation to OJP that validates that your jurisdiction is in compliance with 8 U.S.C. § 1373, which states that "a Federal, State, or local government entity or official may not prohibit, or in any way restrict, any government entity or official from sending to, or receiving from, the Immigration and Naturalization Service information regarding the citizenship or immigration status, lawful or unlawful, of any individual." As your grant agreement makes clear, this documentation must be accompanied by an official legal opinion from counsel that adequately supports the validation and must be submitted to OJP no later than June 30, 2017. Failure to comply with this condition could result in the withholding of grant funds, suspension or termination of the grant, ineligibility for future OJP grants or subgrants, or other action, as appropriate. If you have any questions regarding this requirement, please contact your grant manager as soon as possible.

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Elizabeth Glazer  
Director  
New York City Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice  
1 Centre Street, Room 1012N  
New York, NY 10007-1602

Dear Director Glazer,

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Toni Preckwinkle  
President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners  
118 N. Clark St.  
Room 537  
Chicago, IL 60602

Dear President Preckwinkle,

I write to reiterate for you that under the terms of the FY 2016 Byrne JAG grant of which Cook County is a subrecipient, award 2016-DJ-BX-0106 from the Office of Justice Programs ("OJP"), your jurisdiction is required to submit documentation to OJP that validates that your jurisdiction is in compliance with 8 U.S.C. § 1373, which states that "a Federal, State, or local government entity or official may not prohibit, or in any way restrict, any government entity or official from sending to, or receiving from, the Immigration and Naturalization Service information regarding the citizenship or immigration status, lawful or unlawful, of any individual." As the grant agreement makes clear, this documentation must be accompanied by an official legal opinion from counsel that adequately supports the validation and must be submitted to OJP no later than June 30, 2017. Failure to comply with this condition could result in the withholding of grant funds, suspension or termination of the grant, ineligibility for future OJP grants or subgrants, or other action, as appropriate. If you have any questions regarding this requirement, please contact your grant manager as soon as possible.

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